Amalgamation of the Magisterial and Revenue Staffs.

21. *MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they will be pleased to lay on the table a copy of the G. O. amalgamating the staff of the Magistrates' Courts with that of the Revenue Department; and

(*b*) whether that G. O. has any retrospective effect?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*):

(*a*) A copy‡ of the G. O. is laid on the table.

(*b*) No.

Issue of copies of records in the Magistrates' Courts.

22. *MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the pay of Examiners in the Munsiffs' Courts and of the Head Clerks in the Magistrates' Courts;

(*b*) whether the Examiners in the Munsiffs' Courts are authorised to issue attested copies of records under their signature;

(*c*) whether any of the Head Clerks in any Second Class Magistrates' Courts is empowered to issue attested copies of records under his signature; and

(*d*) whether the Head Clerk of the Second Class Magistrate's Court at Kottar is empowered to issue copies under his signature?

RAO BAHADUR DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) The pay of Examiners in the Munsiffs' Courts, who are generally clerks, is Rs. 20-1/2-25. The pay of Head Clerks in the Stationary Magistrates' Courts is Rs. 25-3/2-40.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) No.

(*d*) No.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): With reference to the answer to part (*a*), may I know who supplied that answer to Government?

PRESIDENT: May I suggest the proper form, for that question, to the member? The member can ask whether the Government hold themselves responsible for that answer.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): Do the Government hold themselves responsible for part (*d*) of the answer?

RAO BAHADUR DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes, Sir.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I ask why, while Examiners of Munsiff's Courts are empowered to grant attested copies of records under their own signatures, the Head Clerks of Second Class Magistrates' Courts are not allowed to do it?

RAO BAHADUR DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): That is the rule. I cannot say now why the rule was framed like that.

PRESIDENT: You say that that procedure is followed under a Rule.

RAO BAHADUR DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes, Sir.

‡ *Vide* Appendix III.

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